



# VOCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT 2008-09



Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.”

Second Object of Rotary: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

It is with much pleasure that I present the Vocational Service Report for this year and at the same time thank the members of our committee for their support and contributions throughout the year. A special thanks to Chris Lampel for his work with Lowanna College and the Youth Programs.

In the Club Service “Position Paper on Membership” it was stated that “We use our Vocation to serve the community by exemplary business standards and high ethical practice in all we do, develop leadership programs, recognize excellence through pride of workmanship, competitions in primary and secondary schools, literacy & numeracy aids” As a result of this the Vocational Service chair requested from the board that management of the Pride of Workmanship, Leadership programs e.g. RYLA & RYPEN, competition in schools, literacy & numeracy aids that have previously been managed by International Service be returned to the Vocational Service portfolio. The Board Agreed.

## Committee Members

Linda Kruger (Chair. LOA from 20<sup>th</sup> April) Ross Maxfield (Caretaker Chair from 20<sup>th</sup> April) Ed Achorn, Brian Gregory, Chris Lampel, Laurie Watters, Evan Platschinda.

## ACTIVITIES

### Pride of Workmanship Awards

All local schools were invited to participate in our Pride of Workmanship Awards, The presentation was conducted at Old Gippstown on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December where 36 Students and parents were guests of the club with an additional 26 paying guests supporting the students plus Rotarians.

List of awardees and the school they represented:-

Calum Douglas	Albert Street Primary School
Helen Bayes	Baringa Special School
Trucilla Vaoga	Elizabeth Street Primary School
Danni Reid	Newborough (Murray Road) Primary School
Malte Adebahr	Rawson Primary School
Tori Massese	South Street Primary School
Ashley Wilson	St Kieran’s Primary School
Jonathan Weir	Immaculate Heart of Mary
Brandon Bailey	Tanjil South Primary School
Tyla Albert	Yallourn North Primary School
Matt Tisdale	Lowana Secondary School
Cassandra Briggs	Lavalla Secondary School

### MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)

There was not a MUNA activity this year One of the Traralgon Clubs will run it in 2010..

### John Dwyer Citizenship Award

This Award is won by the student who is not only a good citizen with a demonstrated commitment to community service and activities must also be a student of high moral and academic standard participating also within the school community.

Awarded to: - Megan Stewart-North Lowanna year 11/12 Secondary School  
Megan has been introduced to the Club and also spent time with Jean Dwyer.

### RYLA ( Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

Russell Wright was endorsed by our Club and attended the course at Rawson, held 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- 1<sup>st</sup> March. Club Guest on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)

Jamie Lovassy & Nathan Muirhead were endorsed by our club but unfortunately Jamie was admitted to hospital just prior to the camp and Nathan was so upset about Jamie neither attended the camp. The club decided to donate \$250 to the camp organizers and were given the name of a Glengarry student who attended the camp but was not sponsored by any Rotary Club thereby providing the student with a Rotary connection, she attended our club on June 1<sup>st</sup> to talk on her experiences at the camp. The camp was held at Rawson on the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Siemens Science Experience**

Three year 9's attended a week-end at RMIT during the Christmas holidays. Callum Robertson-Duncan, Michael Obrien, Adrian Jade Bennett, Callum And Michael attended the Club meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, Adrian was an apology but sent a letter.

### **National Youth Science Forum**

To be conducted in January 2010 for 12 days at Australian National University hosted by ACT Rotarians. Jacob Keenan has applied on line and has our Clubs support. District interviews will be conducted in July after which Jacob will know if he is successful or not, we wish him luck.

### **John Flynn Scholar**

Our participation in the John Flynn Scholarship continued this year with Brent Foreman from the University of Adelaide visiting us in December/January and Lauren Phoebe Neilson from the James Cook University of Townsville visiting in February, both completed their second fortnight with us and willingly attended our meetings and expressed their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them through our Rotary Club and the valuable rural experience they gained in their time spent in Moe. The JFSS project is most encouraging to rural communities where lack of General Practitioners in some cases is critical

### **Fund Raising**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October and the 8<sup>th</sup> of November our committee ran a bar to support the local Moartz theatre play" Dimboola "a profit of \$400 was raised over the two nights.

### **Site Visits**

The committee organized two site visits this year, one to The Latrobe Village for the Aged, Ollerton Avenue Newborough, organized by Ed Achorn where we enjoyed a meal and inspected a new extension containing living quarters, nurse's station and a meals area.

The second inspection was to Truenergy, organized by Ian Kennedy to inspect the River Diversion Scheme at the open cut, a very interesting trip and once again we enjoyed a meal and a presentation by Ron Mether, Manager of Mining.

### **Lowanna / Kurnai Debate**

Conducted at the Morwell Rotary Club on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> , the students representing Lowanna were Brigitte Lupton, Carley Tilgner, Jacob Keenan. Kurnai proposed the motion "Dealing with the Environmental Problems of the Planet is More Important than attempting to solve its Economic Difficulties." Our teamed performed well but unfortunately lost the debate. Moe Rotary Club is to host the debate next year.

### **Vocational Talks**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> July Craig Hardy spoke to us about careers in schools.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> August Jon McNaught from GHD outlined the work of his large engineering company who project manage development and construction works

On the 15<sup>th</sup> September, our own Chair Linda Kruger spoke on her Vocation GET GP where they train Australian and overseas medical graduates in country areas.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> September Geoff Hocking from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority spoke on conservation, water and environmental issues.

### **Vocational Excellence Awards**

This award is for members of the public who have "Demonstrated excellence in their vocation and significant contribution to the community "

The people nominated for this years award and the category they represent is as follows:-

Lynette Mullen	Licensed Venue Management
Paddy O'Dowd	Music Education and Promotion
Jim Jones	Ambulance Paramedic
Tom Hayes	Aged Care Management
Trevor Perkins	Catering Management

The Awards were presented on the 15<sup>th</sup> June at our regular meeting night.

### **Pride of Workmanship (Placards)**

We are printing and laminating 30 placards with the Rotary Emblem and the words:-

"Do it Once – Do it Well".” Build a Better Australia” to be distributed to factory sites.

**Ross Maxfield**  
**Chairman**